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HIGH OVER METROPOLIS AIRPORT...
THERE HE GOES... "HAIR-BREADTH" HOLAHAN, THE ESCAPE ARTIST!
IT'S HIS DEATH DIVE ACT! HE'S GOT TO UNLOCK THOSE CHAINS WITHOUT A KEY BEFORE HE CAN OPEN THAT CHUTE!
WHAT'S HE WAITING FOR? HE COULDN'T BE PARALYZED BY FEAR!
HE'D BETTER MOVE FAST... OR THAT PARACHUTE WILL BE HIS SHROUD!
HEY, LOOK AT CLARK KENT! SOME REPORTER! HE'S TOO CHICKEN TO WATCH THE SPLASHDOWN!
ULP! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
INSTANTS LATER...
THE PRESSURE NEVER LETS UP! ALWAYS SOME EMERGENCY!
ALL RIGHT, SUPER-HERO, GET THE LEAD OUT!
NO SMOKING
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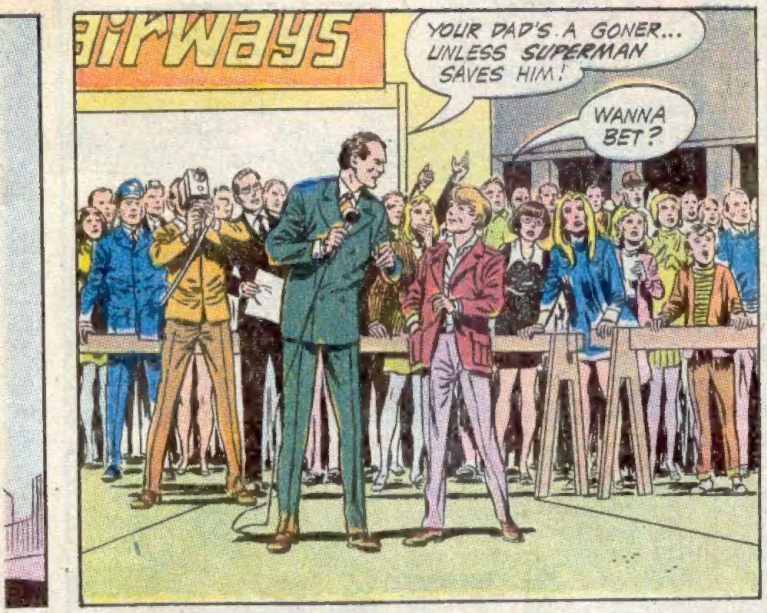
IT'S SUPERMAN! DON'T PANIC, SON! HE'LL SAVE YOUR DAD!
DON'T FLIP YOUR WIG, MISTER!

JUST THEN...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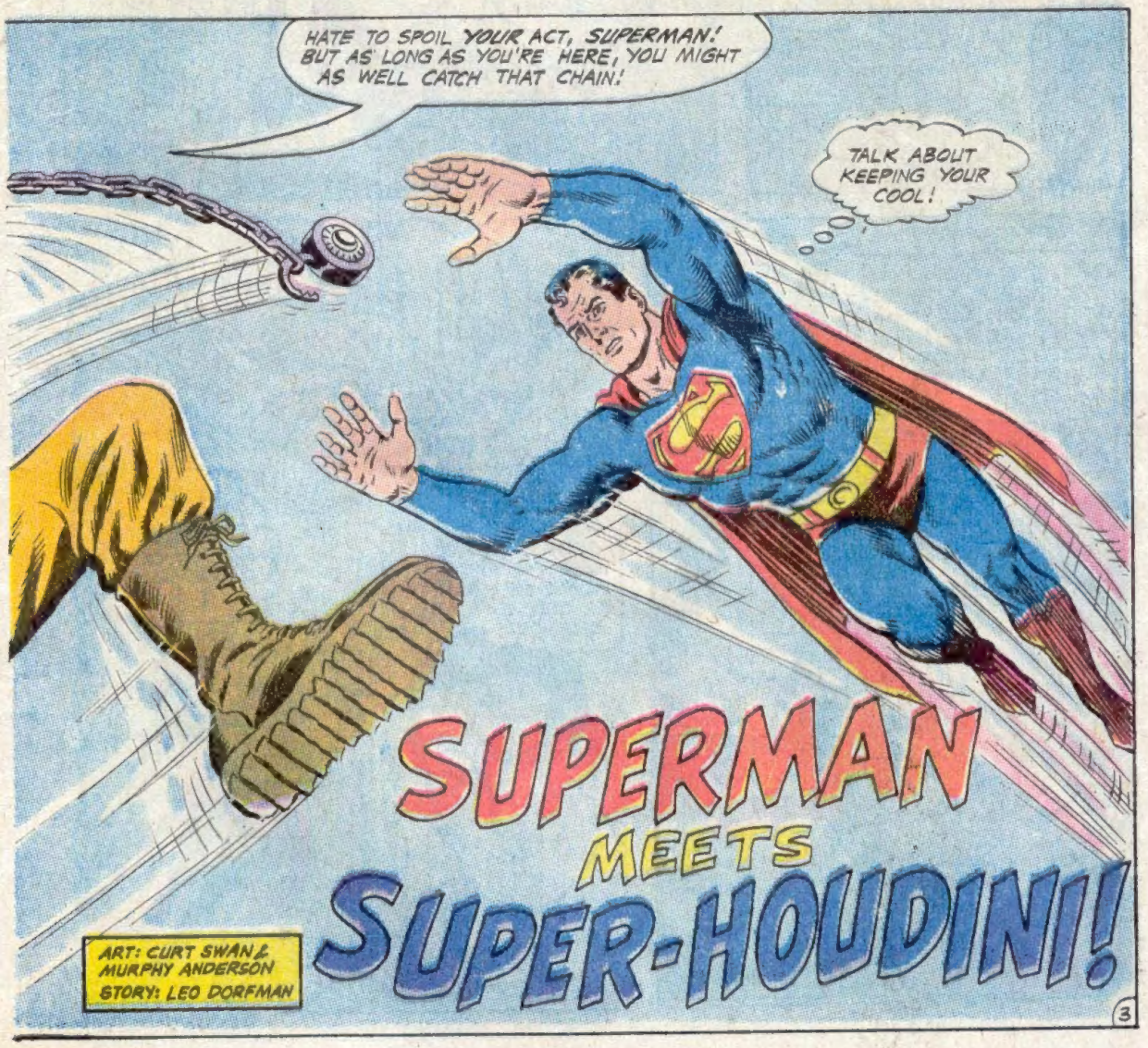
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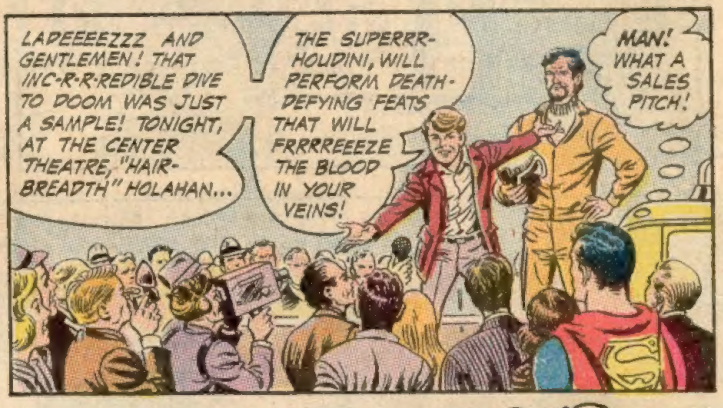
THAT WAS A CLOSE SHAVE!
THEY DON'T CALL ME "HAIRBREADTH" FOR NOTHING... I ALWAYS DELAY MY ESCAPES UNTIL THE LAST SECOND!

EXCUSE ME, SUPERMAN! TIME FOR MY BOY, DAN, TO GO INTO HIS SPIEL!


LADEEEEZZZ AND GENTLEMEN! THAT INC-R-R-REDIBLE DIVE TO DOOM WAS JUST A SAMPLE! TONIGHT, AT THE CENTER THEATRE, "HAIR-BREADTH" HOLAHAN...
THE SUPERRR-HOUDINI, WILL PERFORM DEATH-DEFYING FEATS THAT WILL FRRRREEEZE THE BLOOD IN YOUR VEINS!
MAN! WHAT A SALES PITCH!

AS THE CROWD LEAVES...
SORRY YOU WENT TO ALL THAT TROUBLE, SUPERMAN! BY THE WAY, CAN YOU FIGURE HOW MY DAD OPENED THAT LOCK IN MID-AIR WITHOUT A KEY?
I'M STUMPED, DAN!
LET HIM HAVE HIS MOMENT OF GLORY, THINKING HE PULLED A FAST ONE ON ME...

BUT I DISCOVERED HIS ESCAPE GIMMICK AS I WAS FLYING UP TO RESCUE HOLAHAN!
MY SUPER-HEARING DETECTS A SUPERSONIC SIGNAL BEAM! WHAT GIVES?
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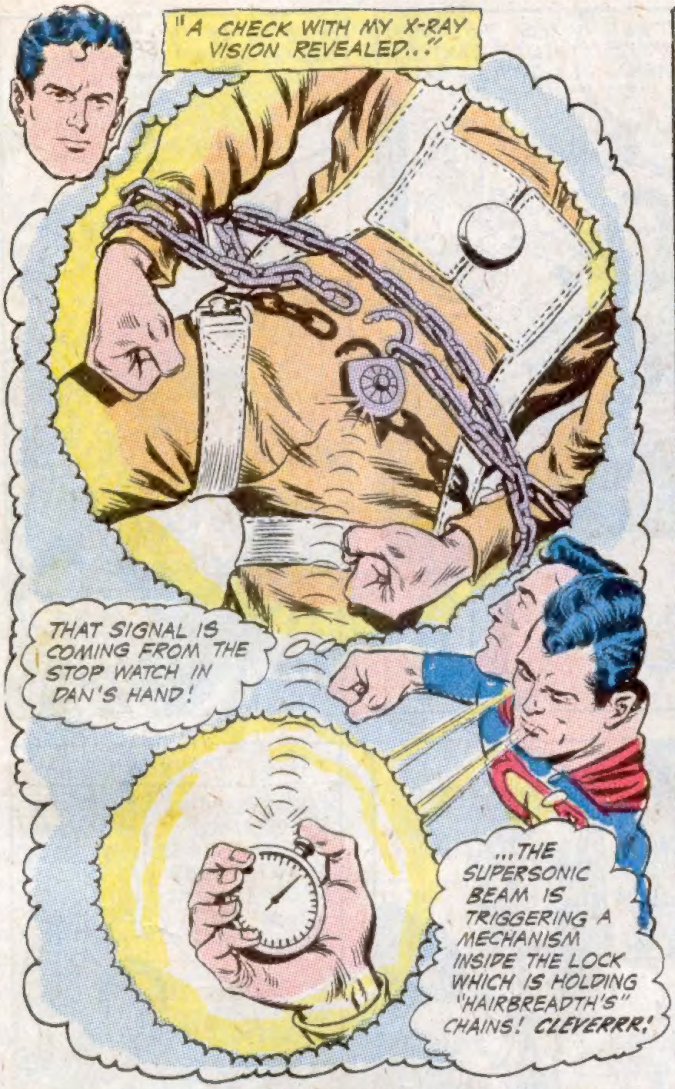
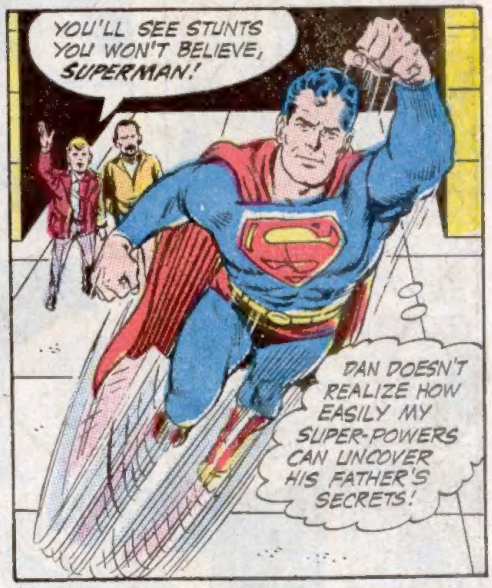

"A CHECK WITH MY X-RAY VISION REVEALED.."
THAT SIGNAL IS COMING FROM THE STOP WATCH IN DAN'S HAND!
...THE SUPERSONIC BEAM IS TRIGGERING A MECHANISM INSIDE THE LOCK WHICH IS HOLDING "HAIRBREADTH'S" CHAINS! CLEVERRR!

A GREAT ACT, "HAIRBREADTH"! HOW ABOUT DOING SOME OF YOUR STUNTS WITH ME AT THE METROPOLIS MUSEUM FUND-RAISING BANQUET NEXT WEEK?
YOU NAME IT, SUPERMAN! I'LL BE THERE!


YOU'LL SEE STUNTS YOU WON'T BELIEVE, SUPERMAN!
DAN DOESN'T REALIZE HOW EASILY MY SUPER-POWERS CAN UNCOVER HIS FATHER'S SECRETS!

BUT THERE'S ONE SECRET SUPERMAN DOESN'T KNOW. NEXT DAY, IN AN UNDERWORLD LAIR...
I THOUGHT THIS HOLAHAN CHARACTER LOOKED FAMILIAR...
HEY, CASS! DIG THIS REWARD POSTER I FOUND IN THE SYNDICATE FILES!
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MACE LARKIN WANTED FOR BURGLARY AND JAIL BREAKING
ESCAPE ART RISKS DEATH IN DOOM-DIVE

PUT SOME WHISKERS ON MACE LARKIN AND.. PRESTO!
WOW! HOLAHAN IS LARKIN--THE CON WHO BROKE OUT 15 YEARS AGO! HE PROBABLY CHANGED HIS NAME AND GOT MARRIED. THE STORY SAYS HIS WIFE DIED YEARS BACK AND LEFT HIM WITH A SON.
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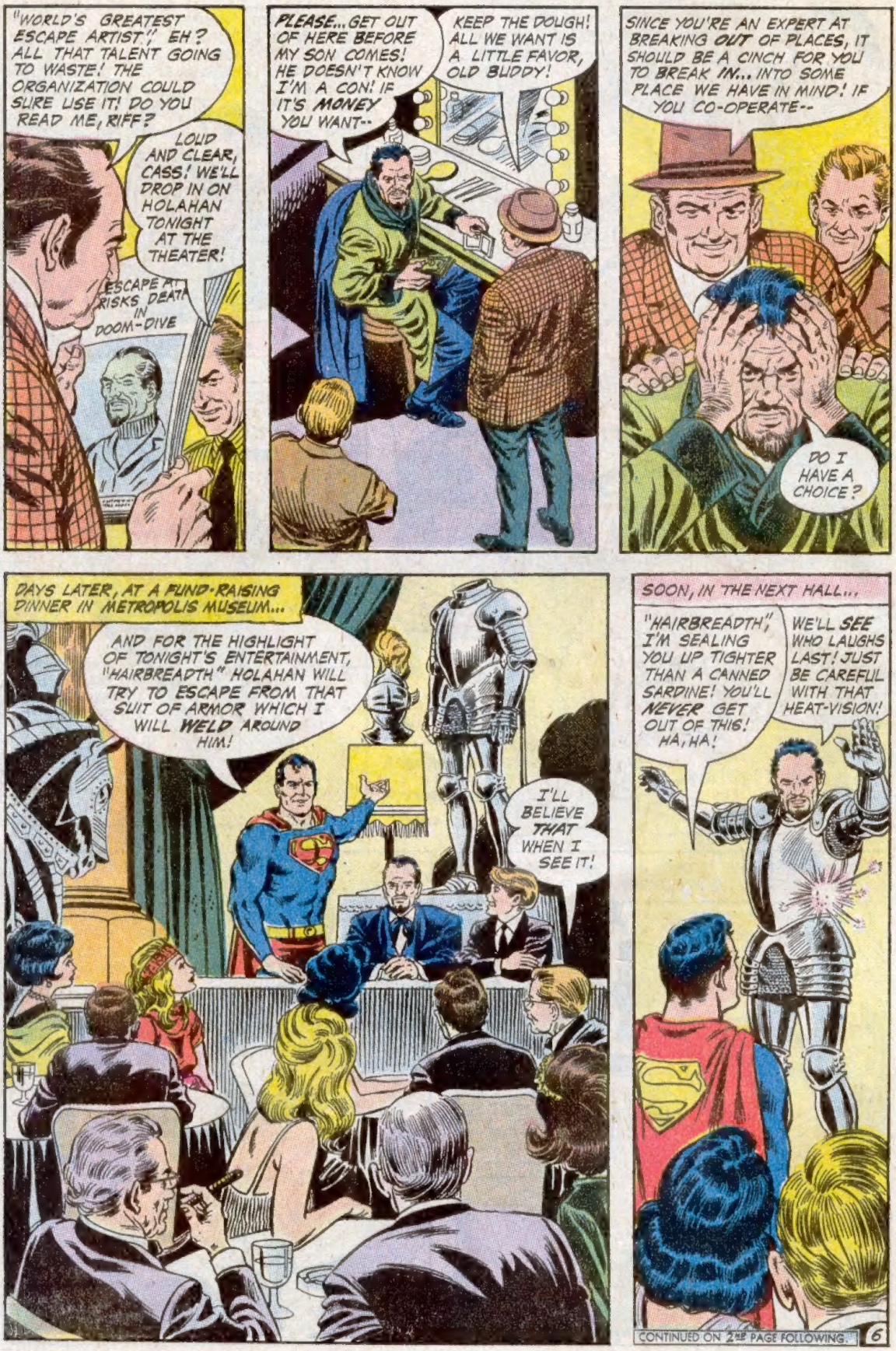
"WORLD'S GREATEST ESCAPE ARTIST"! EH? ALL THAT TALENT GOING TO WASTE! THE ORGANIZATION COULD SURE USE IT! DO YOU READ ME, RIFF?
LOUD AND CLEAR, CASS! WE'LL DROP IN ON HOLAHAN TONIGHT AT THE THEATER!
ESCAPE ARTIST RISKS DEATH IN DOOM-DIVE
PLEASE...GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE MY SON COMES! HE DOESN'T KNOW I'M A CON! IF IT'S MONEY YOU WANT--
KEEP THE DOUGH! ALL WE WANT IS A LITTLE FAVOR, OLD BUDDY!
SINCE YOU'RE AN EXPERT AT BREAKING OUT OF PLACES, IT SHOULD BE A CINCH FOR YOU TO BREAK IN... INTO SOME PLACE WE HAVE IN MIND! IF YOU CO-OPERATE--
DO I HAVE A CHOICE?
DAYS LATER, AT A FUND-RAISING DINNER IN METROPOLIS MUSEUM...
AND FOR THE HIGHLIGHT OF TONIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT, "HAIRBREADTH" HOLAHAN WILL TRY TO ESCAPE FROM THAT SUIT OF ARMOR WHICH I WILL WELD AROUND HIM!
I'LL BELIEVE THAT WHEN I SEE IT!
SOON, IN THE NEXT HALL...
"HAIRBREADTH", I'M SEALING YOU UP TIGHTER THAN A CANNED SARDINE! YOU'LL NEVER GET OUT OF THIS! HA, HA!
WE'LL SEE WHO LAUGHS LAST! JUST BE CAREFUL WITH THAT HEAT-VISION!
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SUPIE, HE'LL BE OUT OF THAT STEEL STRAITJACKET BEFORE YOU CAN SAY, "BURGER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS!"
AND AMAZING MOMENTS LATER...
OH, WOW! HERE'S MY DAD! I TOLD YOU HE COULD BREAK OUT OF THAT IRON UNION-SUIT!
BUT HOW? HE'D NEED A BLOWTORCH TO CUT HIS WAY LOOSE! THIS I'VE GOT TO CHECK!
THE SUIT OF ARMOR IS STILL INTACT, WITH SEAMS COMPLETELY WELDED! HOW DID YOU DO IT?
I NEVER REVEAL MY TRADE SECRETS!
"HAIRBREADTH"! WHERE ARE YOU GOING? THE BANQUET HALL IS THIS WAY!
YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME, SUPERMAN! I'VE GOT TO GO HOME AND WORK OUT SOME NEW ESCAPE STUNTS FOR TOMORROW'S SHOW!
COME ON, SON!
MOMENTS LATER, A BURGLAR ALARM SHRILLS...
BRRAAAANNNGG
STAR OF ASIA WORLD'S LARGEST DIAMOND
STAR OF ASIA WORLD'S LARGEST DIAMOND
SUPERMAN! THE STAR OF ASIA'S BEEN SWIPED--BUT THE LOCK AND GLASS ARE STILL INTACT!
ONLY ONE MAN COULD HAVE PULLED THAT JOB!

ARE YOU ACCUSING "HAIRBREADTH" HOLAHAN ?
WHY NOT ? HE MUST'VE SLIPPED IN HERE WHEN HE ESCAPED FROM THAT SUIT OF ARMOR IN THE NEXT HALL!
NO WONDER HOLAHAN WAS IN SUCH A HURRY! THERE'S HIS CAR NOW!
DAD... WHY'D YOU STOP ?
HEAT VISION! MY TIRES... AND WHEELS ARE MELTING LIKE MARSHMALLOWS ON A HOT STOVE!
SCREECH
THEN...
JUST AS I SUSPECTED! HE STOLE IT!
S-STOLE ? MY FATHER ? I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
I SHOULD HAVE SPOTTED YOU BEFORE, BUT THE BEARD FOOLED ME! YOU'RE MACE LARKIN--AN ESCAPED CONVICT!
THAT'S A LIE! MY DAD COULDN'T BE A CRIMINAL!
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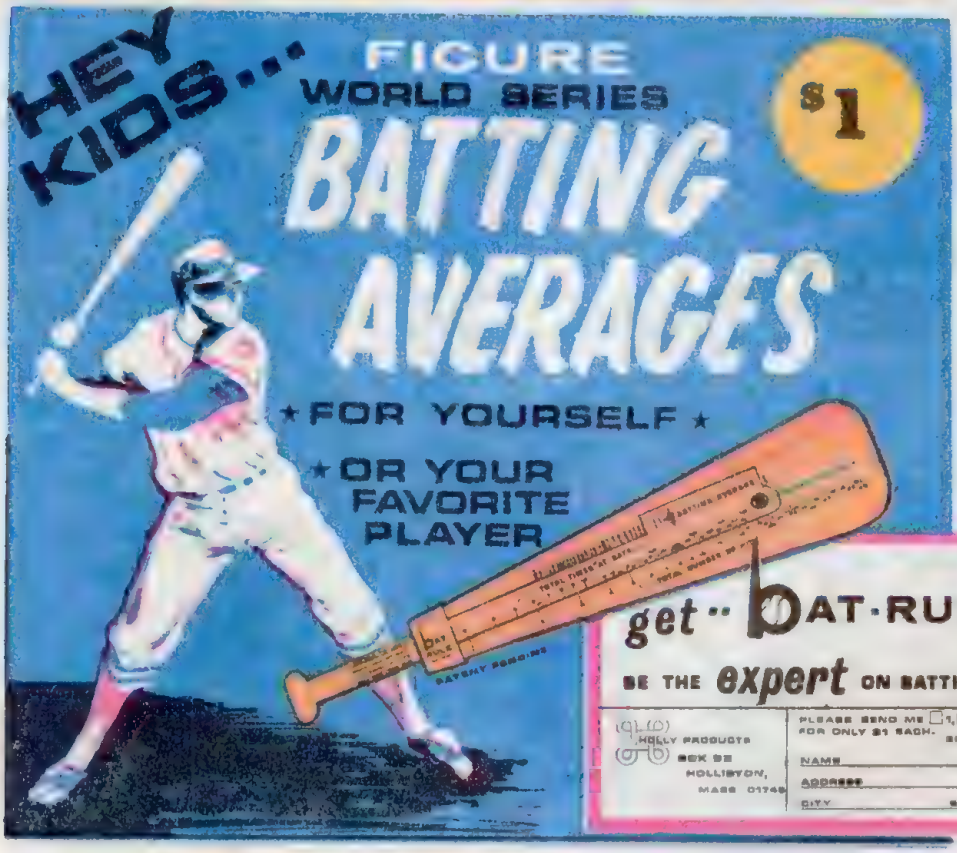

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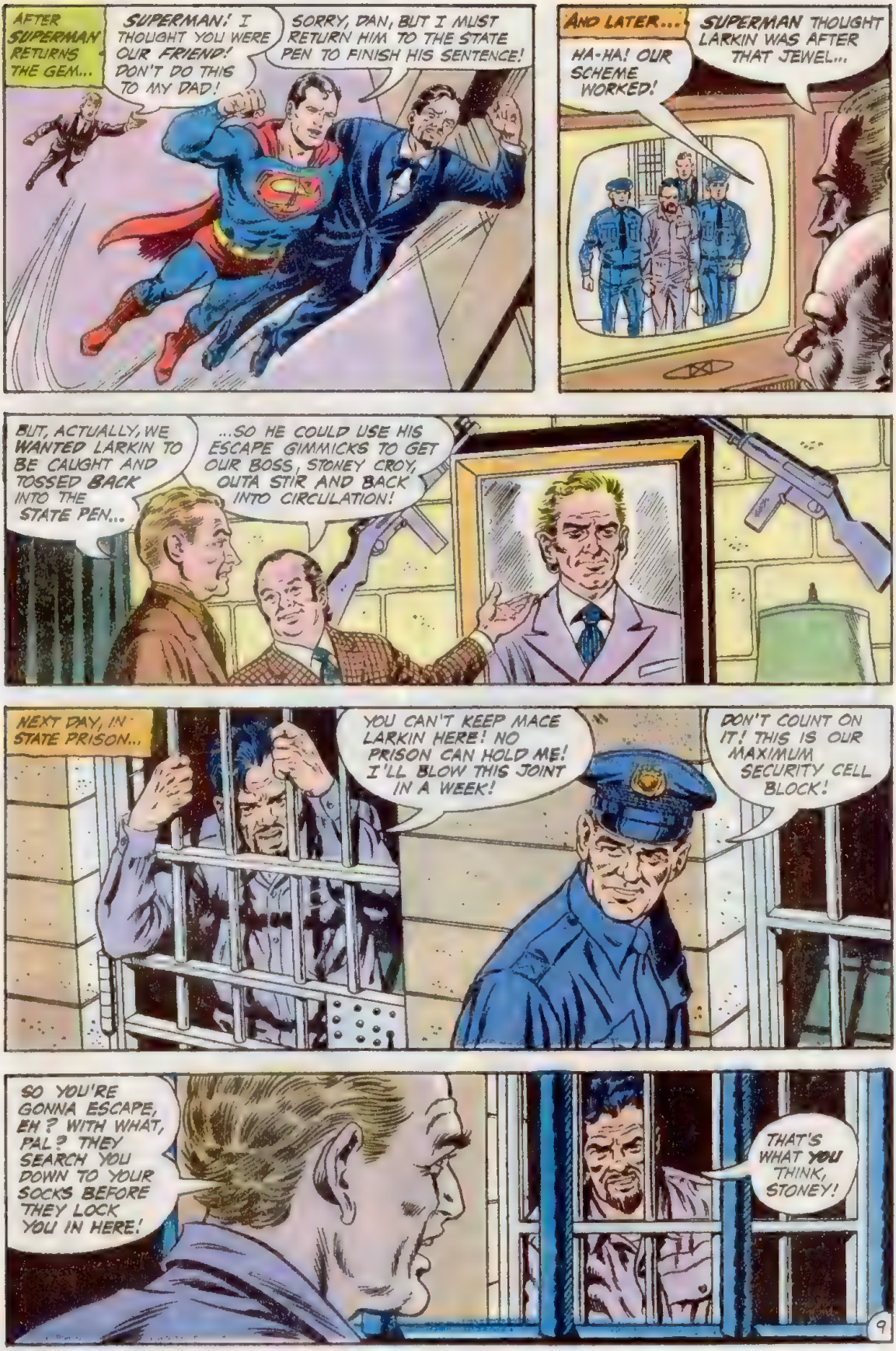
AFTER SUPERMAN RETURNS THE GEM...
SUPERMAN! I THOUGHT YOU WERE OUR FRIEND! DON'T DO THIS TO MY DAD!
SORRY, DAN, BUT I MUST RETURN HIM TO THE STATE PEN TO FINISH HIS SENTENCE!
AND LATER...
HA-HA! OUR SCHEME WORKED!
SUPERMAN THOUGHT LARKIN WAS AFTER THAT JEWEL...
BUT, ACTUALLY, WE WANTED LARKIN TO BE CAUGHT AND TOSSED BACK INTO THE STATE PEN...
...SO HE COULD USE HIS ESCAPE GIMMICKS TO GET OUR BOSS, STONEY CROY, OUTA STIR AND BACK INTO CIRCULATION!
NEXT DAY, IN STATE PRISON...
YOU CAN'T KEEP MACE LARKIN HERE! NO PRISON CAN HOLD ME! I'LL BLOW THIS JOINT IN A WEEK!
DON'T COUNT ON IT! THIS IS OUR MAXIMUM SECURITY CELL BLOCK!
SO YOU'RE GONNA ESCAPE, EH? WITH WHAT, PAL? THEY SEARCH YOU DOWN TO YOUR SOCKS BEFORE THEY LOCK YOU IN HERE!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, STONEY!

HEY! HOW'D YOU KNOW MY NAME, CREEP?...AND WHY ARE YOU SHOVING YOUR FINGERS INTO YOUR MOUTH LIKE THAT?
YUCCCCHHH! PULLING OUT YOUR OWN TOOTH! YOU SOME KINDA NUT?
NAH! THIS PHONEY MOLAR IS REALLY A SECRET CAPSULE CONTAINING A HYPER-CHEMICAL, WHICH CREATES A CRYOGENIC EFFECT!
CRYO--WHAT?
I'LL MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU, STONEY! WHEN THIS CHEMICAL POWDER COMES INTO CONTACT WITH THE AIR, IT CREATES A SUPER-FROST...
KLANNNGGG
...WHICH CRYSTALLIZES THE STEEL IN THIS CELL-LOCK...
...SO THAT ONE SOLID KICK SNAPS THE LOCK... LIKE SO!
INSTANTS LATER...
HEY! YOU OPENED MY CELL THE SAME WAY! BUT WHY?
RETRACT YOUR EYEBALLS, STONEY! I'M MACE LARKIN, THE BEST ESCAPE ARTIST IN THE BUSINESS. YOUR MOB SENT ME TO SPRING YOU!
NOW, LET'S MOVE!
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SHORTLY...
HIDDEN AIR DUCTS...FORGOTTEN DRAIN PIPES AND CONDUITS...AND NOW THIS HUMAN-FLY BIT! LARKIN, YOU'RE GREAT!
THE GANG SAID YOU'D SHOW ME THE WAY TO THE NEW MOB HIDEOUT!
YEAH... THE SECRET JOINT WE SET UP JUST BEFORE I WAS NABBED!
THEN, AFTER A LONG CROSS-COUNTRY TREK...
OKAY, LARKIN! WE'RE IN! THERE'S HOME BASE... OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT LAKE!
ARE YOU PLAYING ME FOR A SAP?
THAT'S THE OLD STATE PEN! I SPENT FIVE YEARS IN THAT JOINT! IT'S ANOTHER DEVIL'S ISLAND!
RELAX! THE STATE ABANDONED IT YEARS AGO... AND THE SYNDICATE BOUGHT IT SECRETLY...
AH, THE BOAT'S IN ITS USUAL HIDING PLACE! GET IN!
BUT WHY WOULD THE MOB SET UP IN A PRISON?
BECAUSE THAT'S THE LAST PLACE ANYONE WOULD EXPECT TO FIND THE HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE UNDERWORLD! EVEN SUPERMAN HASN'T CAUGHT WISE YET!

WELCOME, BOSS!
GREETINGS TO STONEY!
IT WORKED! LARKIN SPRUNG THE BOSS! GLAD TO SEE YOU, STONEY!
THANKS, GUYS! BUT I COULDN'T HAVE MADE IT WITHOUT HIM! GIVE HIM ANYTHING HE WANTS!
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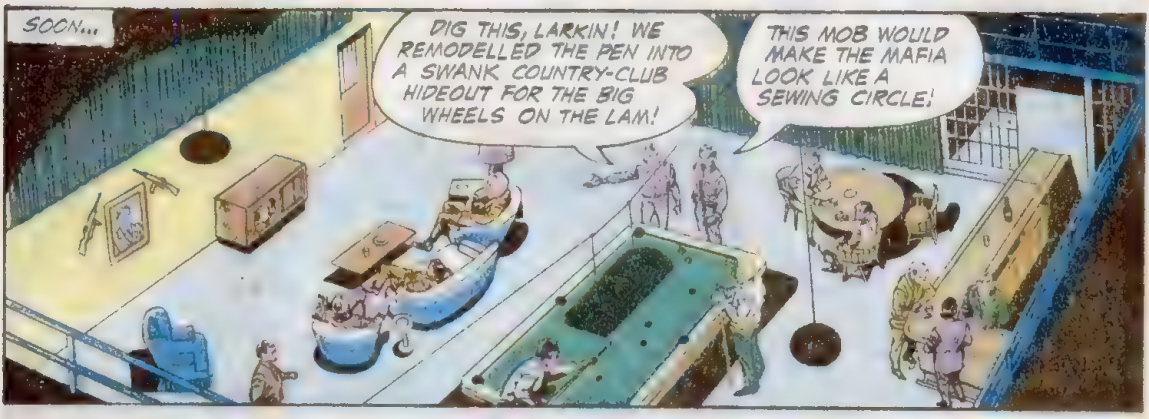
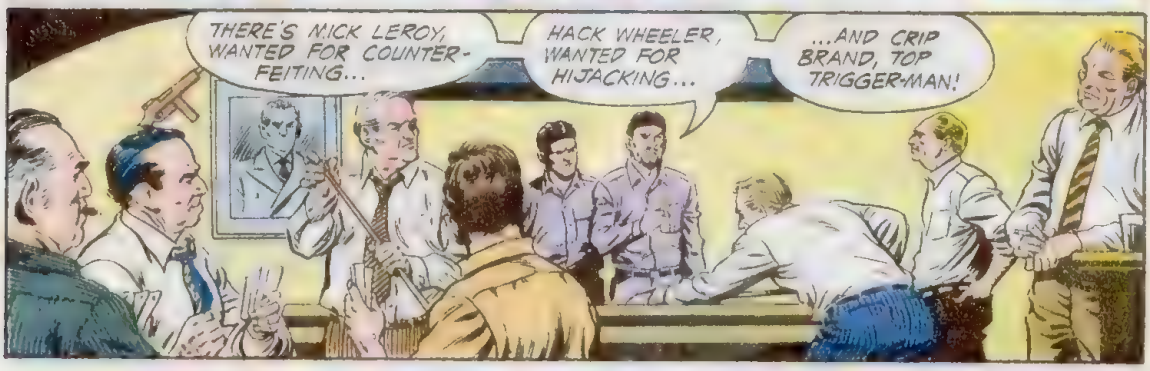

SOON...
DIG THIS, LARKIN! WE REMODELLED THE PEN INTO A SWANK COUNTRY-CLUB HIDEOUT FOR THE BIG WHEELS ON THE LAM!
THIS MOB WOULD MAKE THE MAFIA LOOK LIKE A SEWING CIRCLE!


THERE'S MICK LEROY, WANTED FOR COUNTERFEITING...
HACK WHEELER, WANTED FOR HIJACKING...
...AND CRIP BRAND, TOP TRIGGER-MAN!

EVERYONE HERE IS WANTED BY THE F.B.I.
GETTING A CHARGE OUT OF IT, EH? YOU'VE MORE COMING, LARKIN!

THEY SAID YOU WERE OUT OF THE RACKETS FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS -- SO HOW DO YOU KNOW WHO THE F.B.I IS LOOKING FOR? TALK UP!
NO ONE PUSHES ME AROUND! I'M NOT TALKING, CROY!
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HERE'S WHAT WE DO WITH STOOLIES!
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA
IT... IT'S SUPERMAN!
RIGHT YOU ARE! LARKIN TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR SCHEME. I TOOK HIS PLACE AND USED MY POWERS TO IMITATE HIS ESCAPE TRICKS!
THE WARDEN LET ME HELP YOU ESCAPE, SO YOU'D LEAD ME TO THE NEW HIDEOUT!
AND NOW THAT THE SHOW IS OVER, IT'S TIME TO PUT THE LIGHTS OUT!
YOU BOYS LOOKED SO TIRED AFTER THAT WORKOUT, I'M SURE YOU'LL STILL BE ASLEEP WHEN THE POLICE COME!
DAYS LATER, AT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE...
AND BECAUSE YOU HELPED SUPERMAN ROUND UP THOSE DANGEROUS HOODLUMS, I HEREBY GRANT YOU AN EXECUTIVE PARDON!
THANK YOU, YOUR EXCELLENCY!
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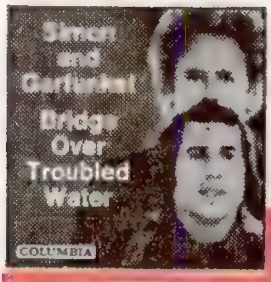

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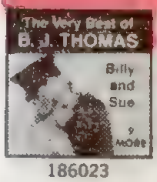

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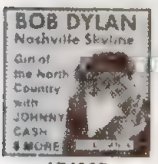

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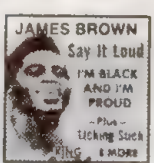

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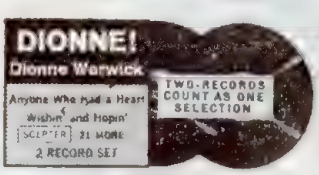

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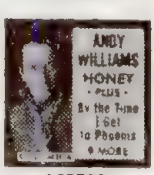

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AND HERE ARE YOUR SAVINGS IN ADVANCE:

ANY 12 HIT RECORDS FOR ONLY $3.98

plus mailing and handling

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YES, IT'S TRUE — if you join the Columbia Record Club now, you may have ANY 12 of these records for only $3.98. And all you have to do is agree to buy as few as ten records (at the regular Club price) during the coming two years.

That's right! — you'll have two full years in which to buy your ten records. After doing so, you'll have acquired 22 records — but you'll have paid for just half of them . . . *that's* practically a 50% saving off regular Club prices!

AS A MEMBER you will receive, every four weeks, a copy of the Club's entertaining music magazine. Each issue describes the regular selection for each musical interest and almost 300 other records . . . hit albums from every field of music, from scores of record labels.

If you do *not* want any record in any month — just tell us so by returning the selection card by the date specified . . . or you may use the card to order any of the records offered. If you want *only* the regular selection for your musical interest, you need do nothing — it will be shipped to you automatically. And from time to time, we will offer some special albums, which you may reject by returning the special dated form provided — or accept by doing nothing.

RECORDS SENT AS ORDERED Upon enrollment, the Club will open a charge account in your name . . . you pay for your records only after you have received them. They will be mailed and billed to you at the regular Club price of $4.98 (Classical and occasional special albums somewhat higher), plus a mailing and handling charge.

FANTASTIC BONUS PLAN As soon as you complete your enrollment agreement, you will automatically become eligible for the Club's generous bonus plan, which entitles you to *one record of your choice free* (plus 25¢ for mailing and handling) *for every one you buy thereafter!*

SEND NO MONEY — JUST THE COUPON Write in the numbers of the twelve records you want, for which you will be billed only $3.98, plus mailing and handling. Also indicate the type of music in which you are mainly interested.

COLUMBIA RECORD CLUB Terre Haute, Indiana

Columbia Record Club, Terre Haute, Indiana 47808

Please enroll me as a member of the Club. I've indicated below the twelve stereo records I wish to receive for only $3.98, plus mailing and handling. I agree to purchase ten records during the coming two years, under the terms outlined in this advertisement. I may cancel membership any time thereafter. If I continue, I will be eligible for the Club's generous bonus plan.

(check one only):

Name . . . . . .
(Please Print) First Name · Initial Last Name

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Do You Have A Telephone? (Check One) ☐ YES . . . . . ☐ NO

APO, FPO addressees: write for special offer

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SUPERMAN, I STILL DON'T GET IT! IF YOU WERE DISGUISED AS DAD.., AND DAD WAS DISGUISED AS YOU, HOW COME I SAW MY FATHER USING SUPER-POWERS AT THE MUSEUM?
"BEFORE WE REACHED THE MUSEUM, YOUR DAD AND I EXCHANGED IDENTITIES..."
REMEMBER, TURN YOUR BACK TO THE AUDIENCE SO THEY WON'T NOTICE THAT I'M USING THE HEAT VISION TO WELD THE ARMOR!
GOT YOU, SUPERMAN! AND LATER, WHEN YOU SECRETLY USE HEAT-VISION TO MELT YOURSELF FREE, THEY'LL ALL THINK "HAIRBREADTH" INVENTED A NEW ESCAPE GIMMICK!
"OUR ACT FOOLED EVERYONE..."
WE'VE EVEN FOOLED DAN! NO ONE DREAMS IT'S I DOING THE FLYING... AND YOU ARE LARKIN IN DISGUISE.
MAN! ARE THOSE CREEPS IN FOR A SURPRISE!
GOODBYE NOW... REMEMBER, DAN, BE PROUD OF YOUR DAD! HE REPAID HIS DEBT TO THE LAW, IN FULL!
THANKS, SUPERMAN! I WAS ALWAYS PROUD OF MY FATHER!
I'M SUPERMAN! THE WEALTH OF THE WORLD IS AT MY COMMAND! I HAVE POWERS BEYOND THE DREAMS OF MERE MORTALS. YES, I'M THE MAN WHO HAS EVERY-THING! BUT WHAT WOULDN'T I GIVE TO HAVE A SON LIKE DAN!
KIRBY IS COMING
The End
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A COLLECTOR'S PAGE OF ACTION SHOTS FROM THE MAN OF STEEL'S EARLY YEARS!

WHAT SEPARATES THE MEN FROM THE BOYS? WHEN DOES A BOY TURN AWAY FROM THE PLAYTHINGS OF HIS CHILDHOOD AND ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MATURITY? NOW, FROM OUR SECRET FILES, READ THE HEART-GRIPPING STORY OF THE LAST DAY... IN THE CAREER OF THE BOY OF STEEL...
"THE DAY SUPERBOY BECAME SUPERMAN!"
LOOK AT THIS MISERABLE SLUM, SUPERBOY! WHILE YOU'RE PREVENTING CATASTROPHES ON REMOTE WORLDS, WHO PREVENTS DISASTER IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD?
WHEN WILL YOU DO SOMETHING FOR THESE PEOPLE?
YOU AND YOUR BLEEDING HEART!
I HAVE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO, MARLA!
ART: ANDRU & ESPOSITO
STORY: GEOFF BROWN
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ONE DAY, YEARS AGO, WHEN CLARK (SUPERBOY) KENT STILL ATTENDS METROPOLIS UNIVERSITY...
IT'S THE RAIDERS... THAT GANG FROM THE SLUMS! THEY TORE DOWN THE FENCE AND TOOK OVER OUR NEW COLLEGE POOL! BOOT THEM OUT OF HERE!
TRY IT, YOU CREAM-PUFFS, AND WE'LL SMEAR YOU!
QUICKLY, CLARK DUCKS BEHIND A NEARBY HEDGE, AND...
THERE'S SURE TO BE SOME VIOLENCE...
...UNLESS I TAKE A HAND...
...AS SUPERBOY!
HEY! LOOKA WHO THEY CALLED IN... SUPERBOY!
FOOSH
AND HE'S USING HIS SUPER BREATH TO PUT US IN THE DEEP FREEZE! BRRRRR!
SECONDS LATER, AS SUPERBOY BREAKS LOOSE A GIANT SHEET OF ICE...
KNOCK IT OFF, YA CAPED CREEP!
COOL DOWN, BOYS! I'LL MELT YOU FREE AS SOON AS YOU'RE OFF THE CAMPUS!
SOON...
SO LONG, BOYS! KEEP AWAY FROM THE COLLEGE, OR YOU'LL BE ARRESTED FOR TRESPASSING!
BIG DEAL! YOU DON'T SCARE US!
BACK ON THE CAMPUS...
YAAAYYYY SUPERBOY! THEY SAY HE'S A STUDENT HERE--USING ANOTHER NAME--AT METROPOLIS U. ARE WE LUCKY!
WOW! DID YOU SEE HIM LOWER THE BOOM ON THOSE HOODLUMS?
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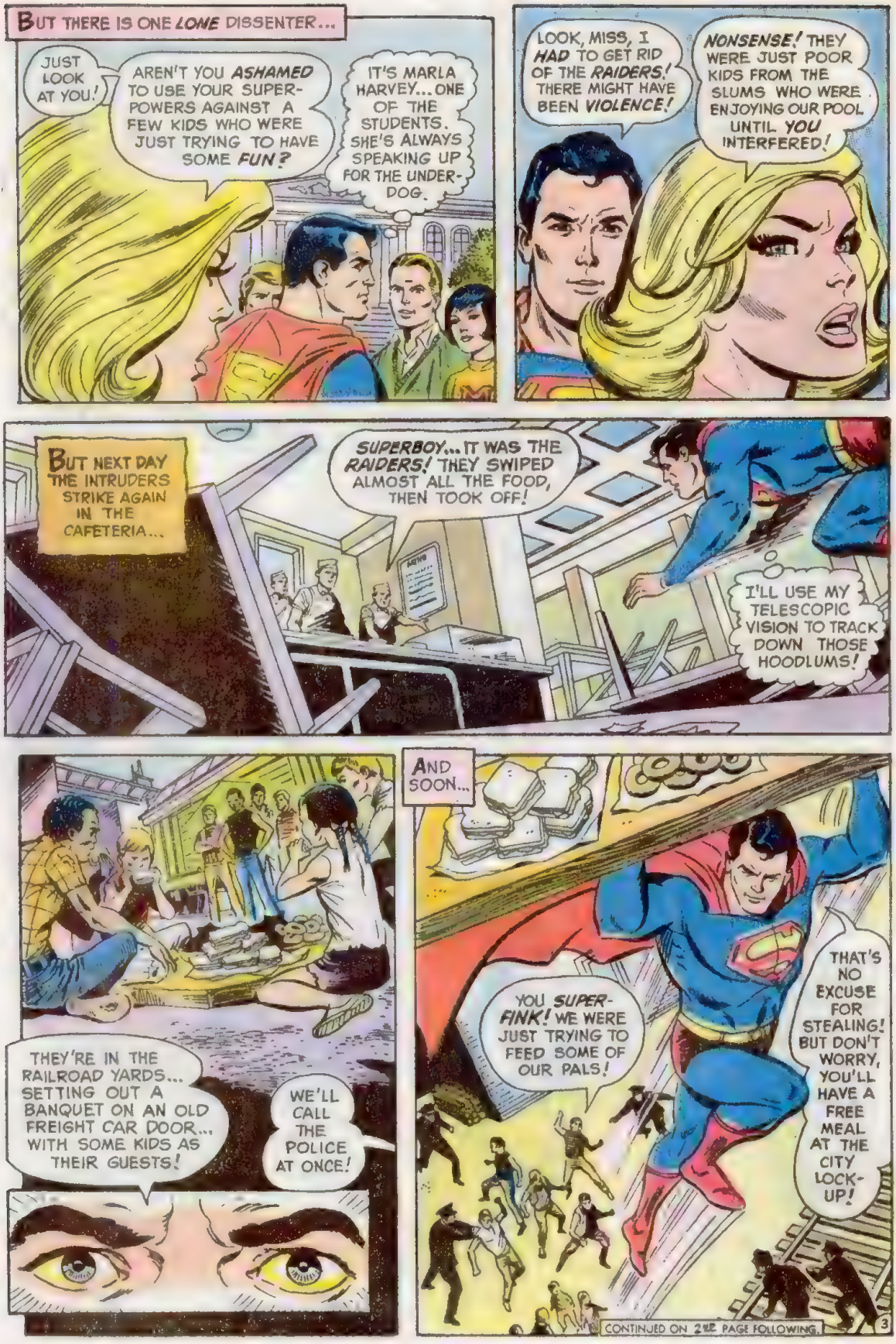
BUT THERE IS ONE LONE DISSENTER...
JUST LOOK AT YOU!
AREN'T YOU ASHAMED TO USE YOUR SUPER-POWERS AGAINST A FEW KIDS WHO WERE JUST TRYING TO HAVE SOME FUN?
IT'S MARLA HARVEY... ONE OF THE STUDENTS. SHE'S ALWAYS SPEAKING UP FOR THE UNDER-DOG.
LOOK, MISS, I HAD TO GET RID OF THE RAIDERS! THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN VIOLENCE!
NONSENSE! THEY WERE JUST POOR KIDS FROM THE SLUMS WHO WERE ENJOYING OUR POOL UNTIL YOU INTERFERED!
BUT NEXT DAY THE INTRUDERS STRIKE AGAIN IN THE CAFETERIA...
SUPERBOY... IT WAS THE RAIDERS! THEY SWIPED ALMOST ALL THE FOOD, THEN TOOK OFF!
I'LL USE MY TELESCOPIC VISION TO TRACK DOWN THOSE HOODLUMS!
THEY'RE IN THE RAILROAD YARDS... SETTING OUT A BANQUET ON AN OLD FREIGHT CAR DOOR... WITH SOME KIDS AS THEIR GUESTS!
WE'LL CALL THE POLICE AT ONCE!
AND SOON...
YOU SUPER-FINK! WE WERE JUST TRYING TO FEED SOME OF OUR PALS!
THAT'S NO EXCUSE FOR STEALING! BUT DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL HAVE A FREE MEAL AT THE CITY LOCK-UP!
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instant replay

$3 each, 2 for $5, 5 for $10

FLEETWOOD RECORDS presents play-by-play action stories of the great championship teams. The players and the plays as they happened, yours at the touch of a needle, on long playing compatible stereo albums.

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- ☐ '67 Red Sox and their impossible dream come true.
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- ☐ Rise of the Rangers play-by-play-by-play.*
- ☐ N.Y.'s Knicks, the super five and the minute men*
- ☐ Carl Yastrzemski talks baseball and physical conditioning.

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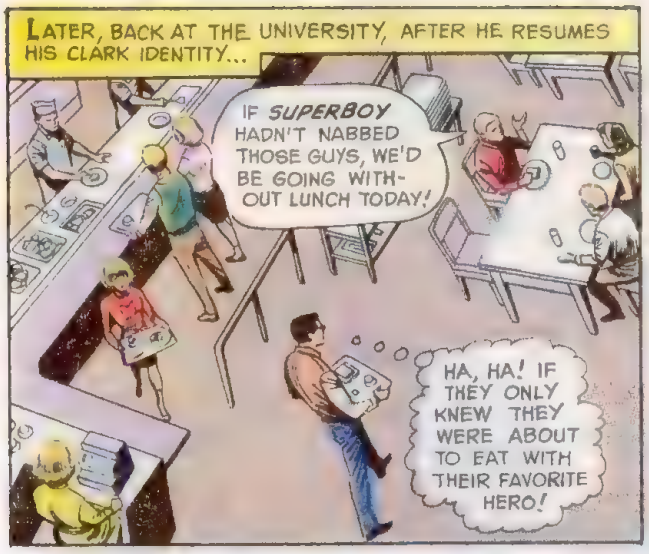
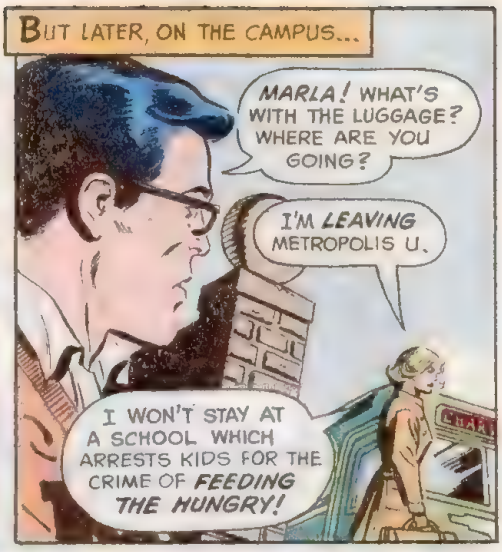
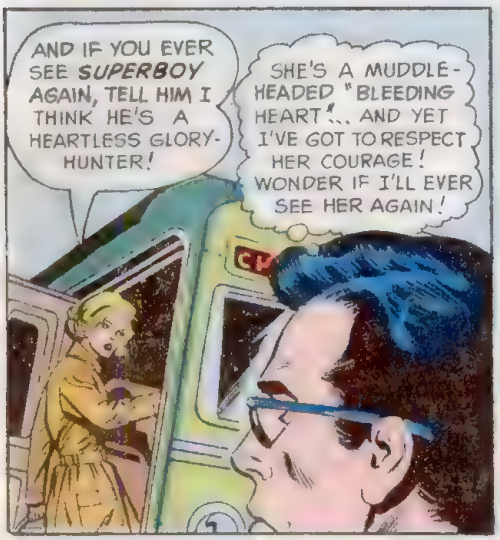
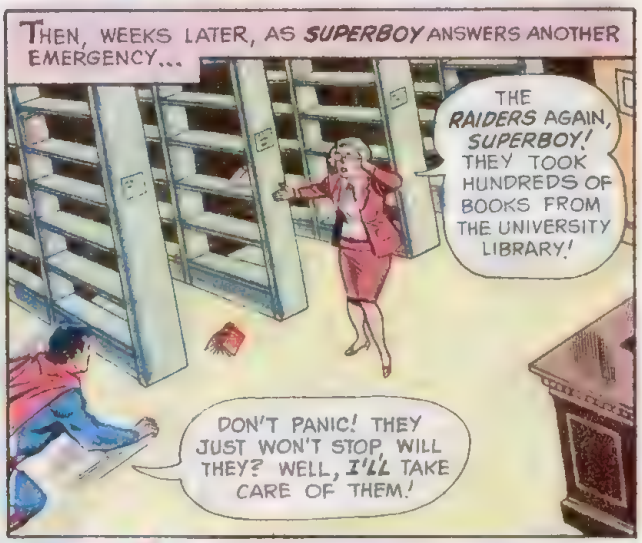
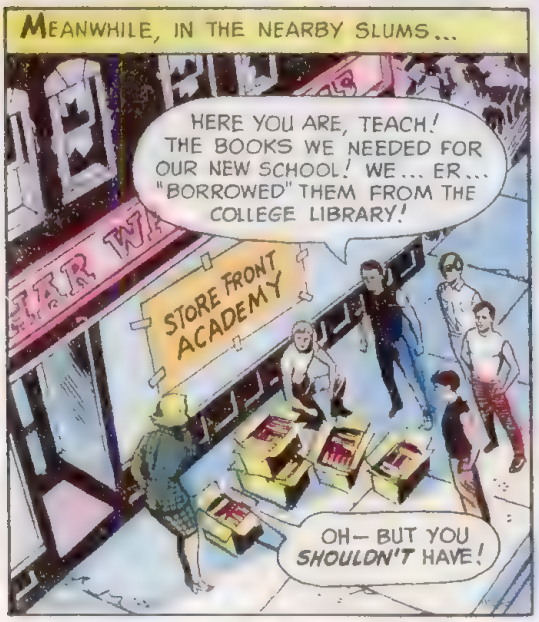

LATER, BACK AT THE UNIVERSITY, AFTER HE RESUMES HIS CLARK IDENTITY...
IF SUPERBOY HADN'T NABBED THOSE GUYS, WE'D BE GOING WITHOUT LUNCH TODAY!
HA, HA! IF THEY ONLY KNEW THEY WERE ABOUT TO EAT WITH THEIR FAVORITE HERO!


BUT LATER, ON THE CAMPUS...
MARLA! WHAT'S WITH THE LUGGAGE? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I'M LEAVING METROPOLIS U.
I WON'T STAY AT A SCHOOL WHICH ARRESTS KIDS FOR THE CRIME OF FEEDING THE HUNGRY!


AND IF YOU EVER SEE SUPERBOY AGAIN, TELL HIM I THINK HE'S A HEARTLESS GLORY-HUNTER!
SHE'S A MUDDLE-HEADED "BLEEDING HEART"... AND YET I'VE GOT TO RESPECT HER COURAGE! WONDER IF I'LL EVER SEE HER AGAIN!


THEN, WEEKS LATER, AS SUPERBOY ANSWERS ANOTHER EMERGENCY...
THE RAIDERS AGAIN, SUPERBOY! THEY TOOK HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY!
DON'T PANIC! THEY JUST WON'T STOP, WILL THEY? WELL, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM!


MEANWHILE, IN THE NEARBY SLUMS...
HERE YOU ARE, TEACH! THE BOOKS WE NEEDED FOR OUR NEW SCHOOL! WE... ER... "BORROWED" THEM FROM THE COLLEGE LIBRARY!
STORE FRONT ACADEMY
OH— BUT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE!

I KNEW IT WOULD HAPPEN-- AND HERE HE COMES NOW! BETTER TAKE OFF! I'LL TRY TO COOL HIM DOWN!
SO LONG, TEACH! DON'T LET 'IM SCARE YOU!

MARLA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? AND WHY'D THOSE HELLIONS STEAL THESE BOOKS?
THEY ONLY MEANT TO BORROW THEM... FOR THIS "STORE-FRONT ACADEMY" I SET UP. THE DEMOLITION COMPANY IS LETTING ME USE THIS BUILDING TEMPORARILY!
YOU MEAN, YOU LEFT COLLEGE TO BURY YOURSELF IN THIS SLUM JUST TO EDUCATE THOSE HOODLUMS?
HOODLUMS? THEY ONLY WANT THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE, JUST LIKE THE STUDENTS AT METROPOLIS U. COME, LET ME SHOW YOU!
THESE SLUM KIDS HAVE AUTO DUMPS, INSTEAD OF PLAYGROUNDS...
FIRE HYDRANTS INSTEAD OF SWIMMING POOLS...
PEOPLE HERE HAVE TO SCROUNGE FOR A BARE EXISTENCE!
COULD YOU SURVIVE IN THIS JUNGLE WITHOUT SUPER-POWERS?
WHILE YOU'RE OFF PREVENTING DISASTERS ON REMOTE WORLDS, WHO PREVENTS DISASTER IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD? IT'S TIME YOU DID SOMETHING FOR THESE PEOPLE!
IT'S TIME SUPERBOY BECAME A SUPERMAN!
HMMM! VERY INTERESTING!
BUT RIGHT NOW, I MUST RETURN THESE "BORROWED" BOOKS, AND THEN I'VE GOT A VITAL MISSION IN SPACE!
IN ONE EAR AND OUT THE OTHER! YOU NEVER HEARD A WORD I SAID!

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MONSTER S-I-Z-E MONSTERS

7 FEET TALL

In Authentic Colors With GLOW in the DARK EYES

ONLY $1.00

TEN DAY FREE TRIAL

Just imagine your friends shock when they walk into your room and see the "Monster" reaching out—bigger than life-Frankenstein, the original man-made monster, that creation of evil genius that terrorized the world. A giant 7 feet tall, his eyes glow eerily as his hand reaches out—as aweful and sinister as the wildest nightmare. Yes—Frankenstein is 7 feet tall, in authentic colors on durable polyethelene, and so lifelike you'll probably find yourself talking to him. Won't you be surprised if he answers? Comes complete with eyes that glow even in the pitch dark for a special thrilling chill.

Boney the Skeleton. And then there is Boney—stark scary with nothing left but his bare bones. A 7 foot monster out of the grave—his bones white, his eyes staring—even glowing in the dark.

Money Back Guarantee.

Just send $1.00 plus 25c to cover postage and handling for each monster you want. Your money back if not satisfactorily horrified.

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Rush me my 7 foot tall glow in the dark monsters. Send me ☐ Frankenstein ☐ Boney the Skeleton

I enclose $1 plus 25c for postage and handling for each. If I don't get shivers of delight, I can return my purchase within 10 days and you will refund the full purchase price.

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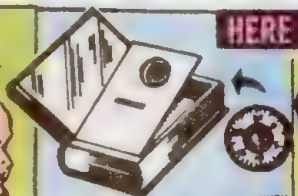
HERE IS A TREASURE CHEST OF FUN

SKIN HEAD WIG

Most people try to grow hair. This is just the opposite. Made of flesh toned latex to fit all heads, really changes your appearance.

No. A35 $1.00



SECRET BOOK SAFE WITH COMBINATION LOCK ONLY YOU CAN OPEN

Looks like any book to camouflage your valuables. Securely locked with your own private combination. Tough understructure is covered with simulated leather binding.

No. 708 $1.00

XRAY SPECS AN HILARIOUS OPTICAL ILLUSION ONLY $1.00

Scientific optical principle really works. With Xray Specs you seem to be able to look through flesh and see the bones underneath. Look at your friend. Is that really his body you "see" under his clothes?

No. FL7 $1.00

PHONY CAST

Imitation white plaster arm cast complete with arm sling. Looks like the real thing! Fits teenagers or adults.

A 4 $1.25

MINIATURE SECRET CAMERA

Precision camera so small, it fits in cigarette pack. Weighs 2½ ounces and takes 10 pictures per roll! Precision ground lens and time expose shutter. Can be hidden anywhere. Complete with free roll of film

No. 788 $1.00
4 Rolls Film 98c

THROW YOUR VOICE

Throw your voice into trunks, behind doors, everywhere. Fits in your mouth out of sight! Fool teacher, friends, family. Free book on "How to Become a Ventriloquist"

No. 119 25c

JOY BUZZER

Windup novelty you wear like a ring. Your victim gets a "SHOCKING" hand shake. Absolutely harmless.

No. 218 Only 50c

20 Course Home Study Program

KARATE only $1.00

JUDO, BOXING, SAVATE ISOMETRICS STUNTS

FREE NERVE CENTER CHART

Here's what you get!

- 20 Best KARATE blows and chops.
- SAVATE French foot fighting.
- Nerve center anatomy chart.
- JUDO throws, JIU JITSO Holds.
- Isometric muscle building course.
- Endurance exercise and LOTS MORE.

NO. 73 $1.00

Are you willing to take a chance? We won't tell you what you get, but because you're willing to gamble, we'll give you more than your money's worth.

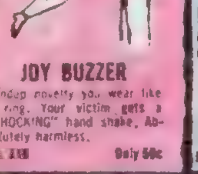
No. 678 ..... Only 50c

SURPRISE PACKAGE

ONION GUM

Looks like real chewing gum but tastes like ONIONS! It's too funny! 5 slices to a pack.

No. 781 25c



TRICK BLACK SOAP

Ordinary looking cake of soap until victim washes with it. Then his face turns blacker and blacker. Shocking! Harmless! A great trick.

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Rush me the items listed below. If I am not 100% satisfied, I may return any part of my purchase after 10 days Free Trial for full refund of purchase price.

Item	Name of Item	How Many	Total Price

☐ I enclose_____in full payment. Same guarantee.
☐ Send C.O.D. I will pay postman on delivery plus C.O.D. and shipping charges.

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

N.Y. State residents please add sales tax.
Sorry, we cannot ship orders for less than $1.00. Kindly add 15c for postage and handling to all orders.

NEXT DAY, WHEN SUPERBOY RETURNS TO EARTH...
MARLA'S LECTURE REALLY BUGGED ME. I'VE GOT TO SEE HER AGAIN AND EXPLAIN HOW WRONG SHE IS ABOUT ME!
UH-OH! THEY'RE TEARING DOWN HER "SCHOOL!"
CRRASH
GREAT KRYPTON! MY X-RAY VISION REVEALS SOMEONE TRAPPED INSIDE THE WRECKED BUILDING!
IT'S MARLA!
I'M COMING, MARLA!
IT'S ME, SUPERBOY!
I HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE!
BUT...
HANG ON, MARLA! I'LL GET YOU TO A DOCTOR AT SUPER-SPEED!
OHH, THE TERRIBLE PAIN... ≷GROAN≷ I FEEL ALL BROKEN ...INSIDE. NOTHING CAN HELP ME NOW! ≷GASP!≷... BUT THERE'S ONE THING... YOU CAN DO FOR ME... BEFORE I GO...
THE KIDS... MY STUDENTS... THERE'LL BE NO ONE TO TEACH THEM NOW... TO EDUCATE THEM FOR A BETTER LIFE!... PROMISE ME YOU'LL HELP THEM...
I--I PROMISE, MARLA!
YOU GAVE YOUR LIFE TO HELP THESE PEOPLE, MARLA! I'LL SEE THAT YOUR SACRIFICE WASN'T IN VAIN! I SWEAR IT!
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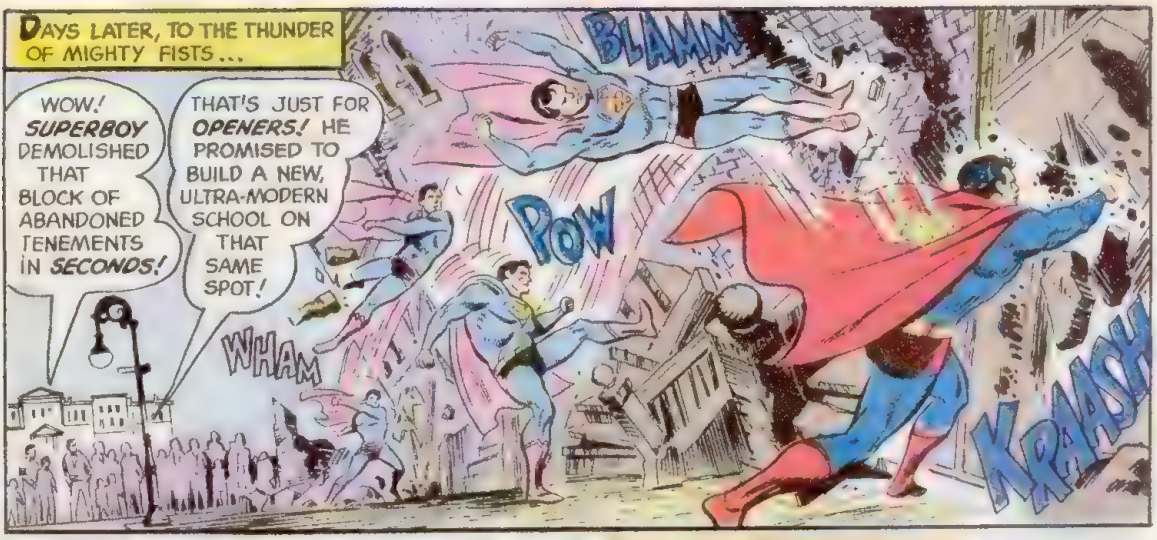
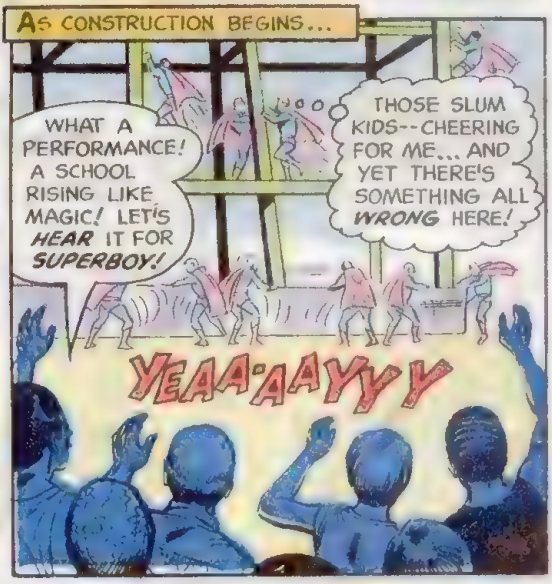
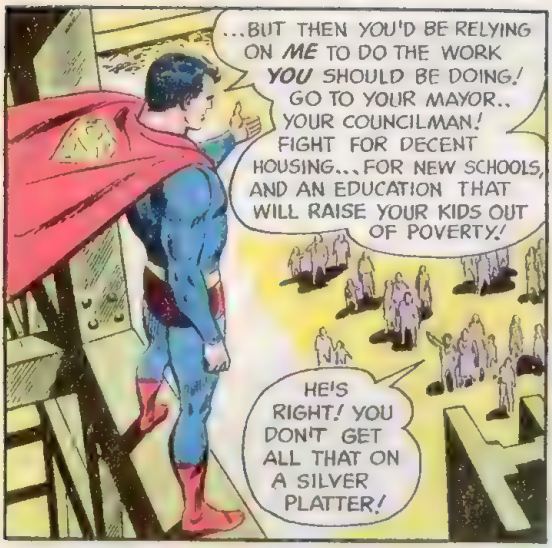

DAYS LATER, TO THE THUNDER OF MIGHTY FISTS...
WOW! SUPERBOY DEMOLISHED THAT BLOCK OF ABANDONED TENEMENTS IN SECONDS!
THAT'S JUST FOR OPENERS! HE PROMISED TO BUILD A NEW, ULTRA-MODERN SCHOOL ON THAT SAME SPOT!
BLAMM
POW
WHAM
KRAASH

LOOK AT HIM USING HIS HEAT VISION AND FISTS TO POUND THOSE JUNKED CAR HEAPS INTO STEEL BEAMS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL!
HE'S A ONE-MAN STEEL-ROLLING MILL!
KLANG-BLANG


AS CONSTRUCTION BEGINS...
WHAT A PERFORMANCE! A SCHOOL RISING LIKE MAGIC! LET'S HEAR IT FOR SUPERBOY!
THOSE SLUM KIDS--CHEERING FOR ME... AND YET THERE'S SOMETHING ALL WRONG HERE!
YEAA-AAYYY

THEY'RE APPLAUDING MY SUPER-FEAT! BUT IS THAT ALL MARLA WANTED?
DIDN'T SHE TELL ME I'VE GOT TO STOP ACTING LIKE A SUPERBOY AND START THINKING LIKE A SUPERMAN?
YEAAAAY

WHAT'S THE IDEA? WHY'D YOU STOP THE CONSTRUCTION?
I COULD HAVE FINISHED THAT SCHOOL IN SECONDS... AND, IN A FEW MOMENTS MORE, I COULD HAVE REBUILT THE ENTIRE SLUM AREA...


...BUT THEN YOU'D BE RELYING ON ME TO DO THE WORK YOU SHOULD BE DOING! GO TO YOUR MAYOR.. YOUR COUNCILMAN! FIGHT FOR DECENT HOUSING... FOR NEW SCHOOLS, AND AN EDUCATION THAT WILL RAISE YOUR KIDS OUT OF POVERTY!
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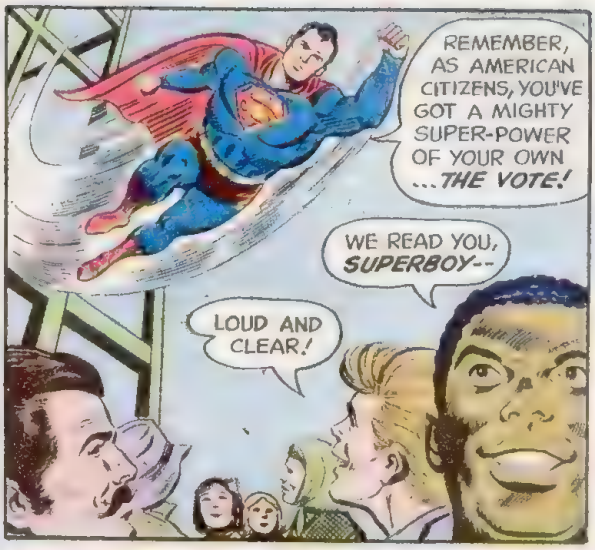
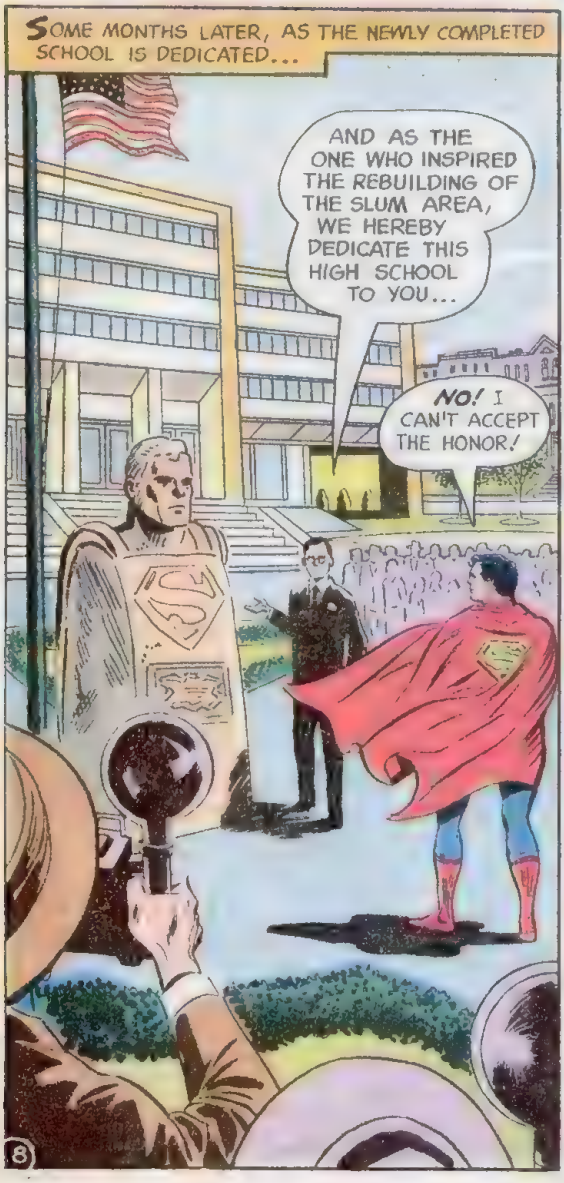
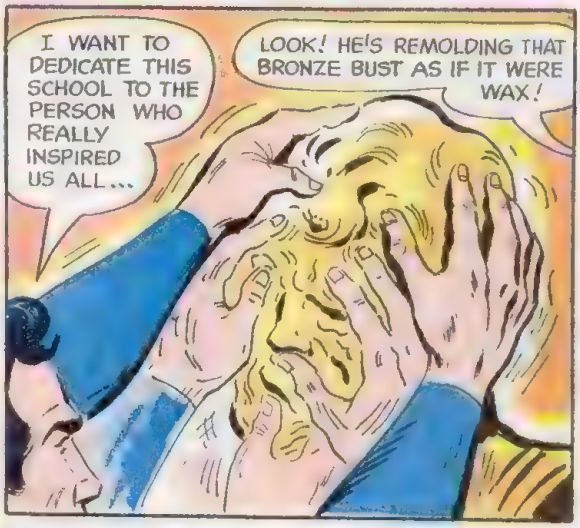
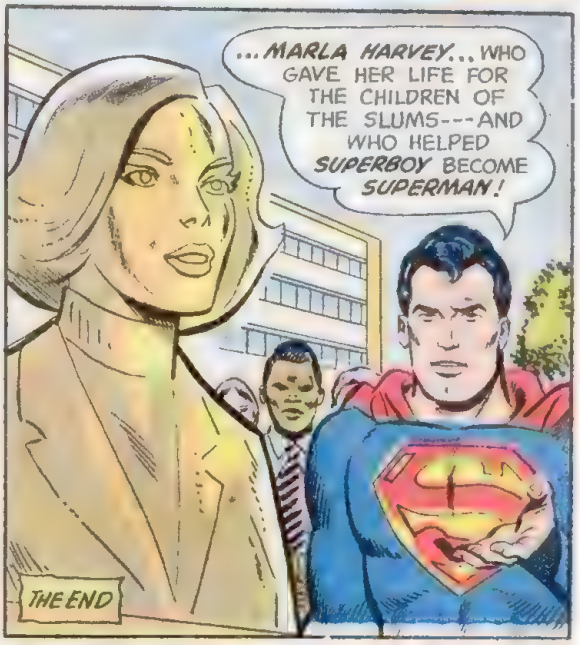

REMEMBER, AS AMERICAN CITIZENS, YOU'VE GOT A MIGHTY SUPER-POWER OF YOUR OWN ...THE VOTE!
WE READ YOU, SUPERBOY--
LOUD AND CLEAR!


SOME MONTHS LATER, AS THE NEWLY COMPLETED SCHOOL IS DEDICATED...
AND AS THE ONE WHO INSPIRED THE REBUILDING OF THE SLUM AREA, WE HEREBY DEDICATE THIS HIGH SCHOOL TO YOU...
NO! I CAN'T ACCEPT THE HONOR!


I WANT TO DEDICATE THIS SCHOOL TO THE PERSON WHO REALLY INSPIRED US ALL...
LOOK! HE'S REMOLDING THAT BRONZE BUST AS IF IT WERE WAX!


...MARLA HARVEY... WHO GAVE HER LIFE FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE SLUMS---AND WHO HELPED SUPERBOY BECOME SUPERMAN!
THE END

Dear Editor:

Again I was fooled by the stories in ACTION #389, which is the case most of the time. I like to try to guess the ending to a story before reading it, and I thought sure Mr. Mxyzptlk was really the kid who struck out Superman. Of course, unobservant me did not notice the sports equipment all going into space. As for the second story, I *did* guess the ending in part, deducing that Violet could be small enough to behead the robot unseen. However, I did not guess the rest of it. But come to think of it, I like your magazines *because* they keep me guessing and are exciting.

Gerard Triano, Elmont, N.Y.

Thanks, Gerry—the mags keep us guessing, too. We try to guess whether you readers will like 'em or not. And, sure enough, someone didn't *like that one. —Ed.*

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Dear Editor:

It's a pity. Bob Kanigher, Jim Shooter and Cary Bates turned out three fine Superman stories for ACTION the past half year, and I stated ACTION was really improving. But you fell down tremendously with #389. "The Kid Who Struck out Superman" was nothing more than the 100th attempt at an old plot: Superman does something inexplicable and we readers are supposed to figure out why. This time, it was a particularly weak excuse. The only original thing was the use to which Supie used the gas.

I can usually count on the Legion to save an issue, but this time it did not. "The Mystery Legionnaire" was a weak mystery story with absolutely no clues to go on. The Legion *does* need more villains. Where are the Time-Trapper, the Fatal Five and the Legion of Super-Villains?

Richard H. Morrissey, Framingham, Mass.

They'll be back—after the Legion makes its move to a new magazine—SUPERBOY! You'll see the Super-Heroes backing up the Boy of Steel in many issues, starting very soon. And we hope you were as wrong in your criticisms as you were in tagging the writers of the previous six ACTION issues. All six Superman adventures—comprising three stories, two of them serialized—were scripted by Cary Bates!—Ed.

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Dear Editor:

I was browsing through ACTION #389 when I noticed my name in your letter column. Since I haven't written anything to ACTION COMICS in years, it came as a surprise. *More* of a surprise was the context in which my name was mentioned. Alvin Yellon accuses me, and others, of monopolizing the lettercols, saying the editor is prejudiced in favor of our "intellectual" letters. Your answer was good, but I'd like to reiterate the *reasons* for picking our letters over others.

We *work* on them. We take the time to be legible, coherent, polite, humorous, and, hopefully, intelligent. All that isn't enough, though. Plenty of "intellectual" letters never make the columns. If someone else happens to write a more thought-provoking letter that month, ours are rejected with the same indifference as would be a smudgily penciled, unsigned "I hate your mag" card. Those are the breaks.

But why should Alvin Yellon be disturbed by any of this? The usual object in writing a letter is *not* to get it printed, but to express one's opinion to the editor. The lettercols are merely an indication of the trends of fan opinion. Sometimes, I grant, they can seem like the permanent soap-box of a few people. But they aren't. All *anyone* has to do is write a good, thought-provoking letter.

Irene Vartanoff, Lake Forest, Ill.

Thanks, Irene. You said it all, and very well. We're happy to know ACTION is still in the I.V. League. —Ed.

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Dear Editor:

In ACTION #389, "The Kid Who Struck out Superman" was fantastic. But how did Superman fill up a baseball with his mutation gas? As we all know, baseballs are solid. Even if this special one was hollow, wouldn't someone notice a change in the weight and hardness of the ball?

Douglas Isenstein, N. Merrick, N.Y.

No—because Superman carefully prepared the ball so that the hollow core was covered by a hard shell, and the gas plus this extra hard shell equalled the weight of a normal ball.—Ed.

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Dear Editor:

I'm sure that you have been receiving nasty comments that claim you made a boo-boo in #389. You know what I mean—the slight mix-up between whether it was liquid nitrogen or liquid oxygen that froze Klim's body. Well, I bet I know what happened. Chemical King, being an expert on chemicals, would never mistake oxygen for nitrogen. Therefore, it must have been Klim's mistake. Apparently, he was so cold at the time that his brain malfunctioned and mistook the liquid N for liquid O. What does a dumb robot know, anyway?

Paul Hulka, Muskegon, Mich.

We'll go along with you, Paul—and hope we don't get any nasty letters from robots.—Ed.

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Dear Editor:

"Puzzle of the Wild World" was so funny I actually let my brother read it, which I never do. When I saw that picture of Aquaman with Alfred E. Neuman's head, I almost burst. But I live in the belief that if you do something like that, you can be sued by the other company. How do you get away with it?

Jay Zilber, Columbus, Ohio

Simple—there actually is no other company. National Periodicals and MAD are different branches of the same outfit. And on that note, let us close by reminding you our address for all comments is WHERE THE ACTION IS, National Periodical Publications, 909 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.

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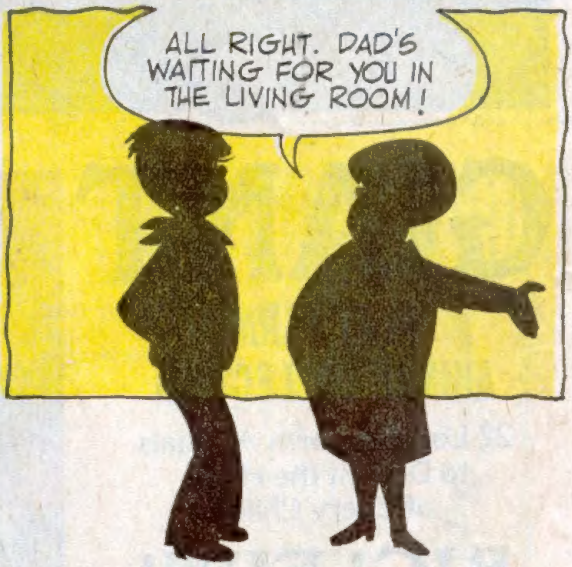

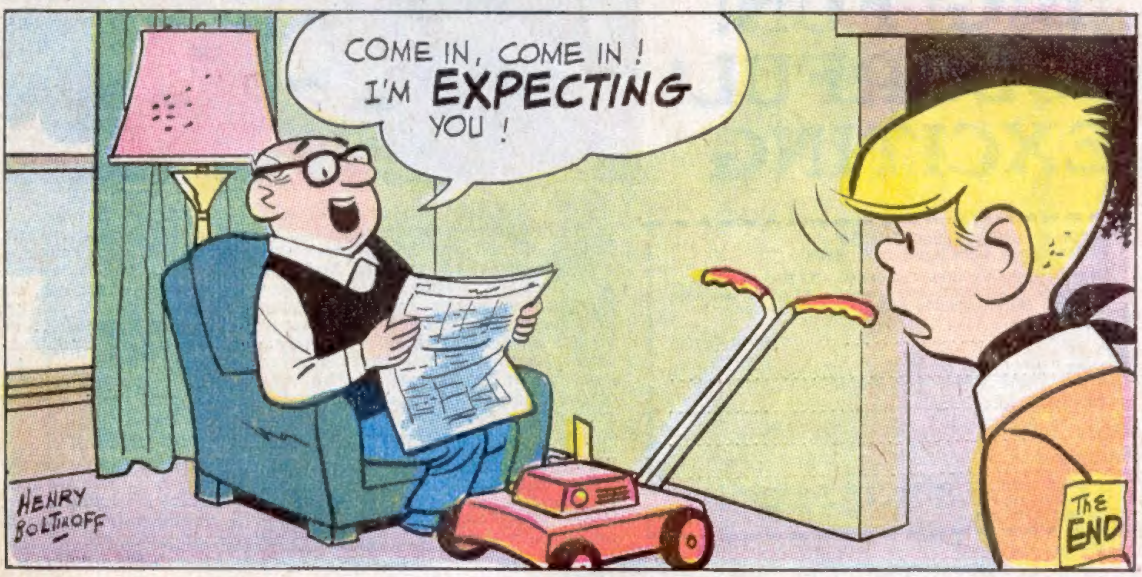

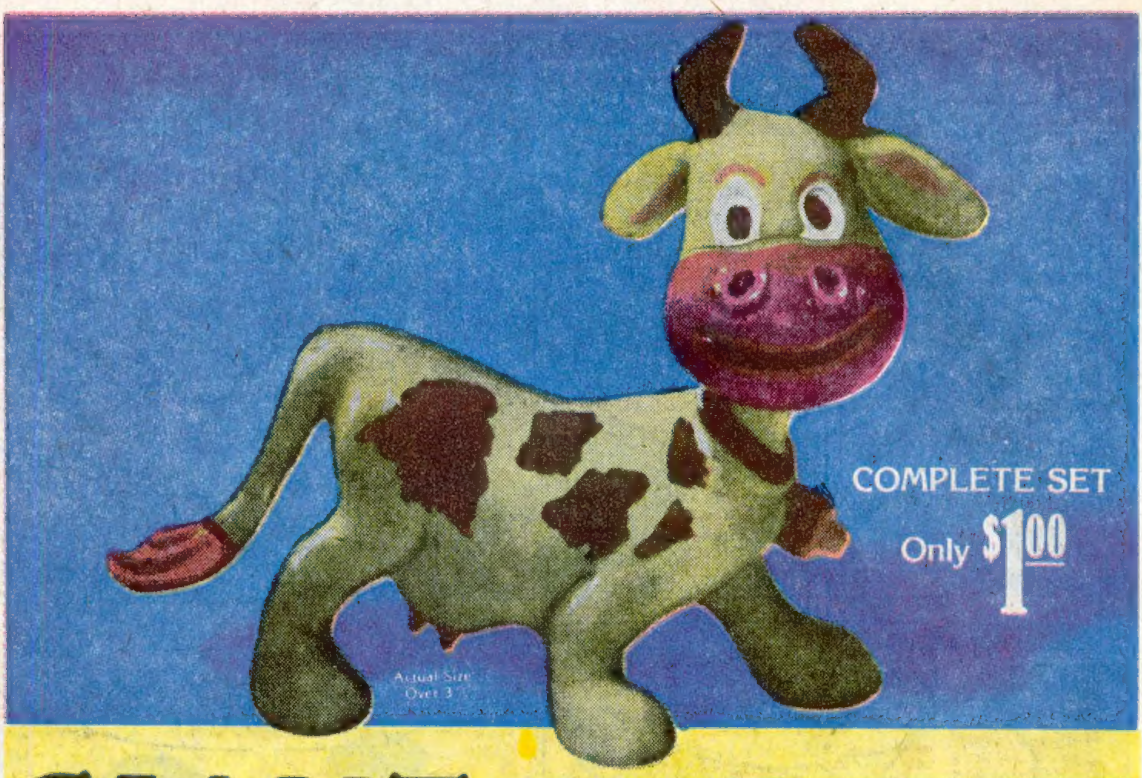

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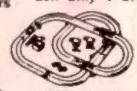
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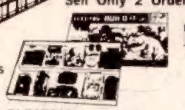
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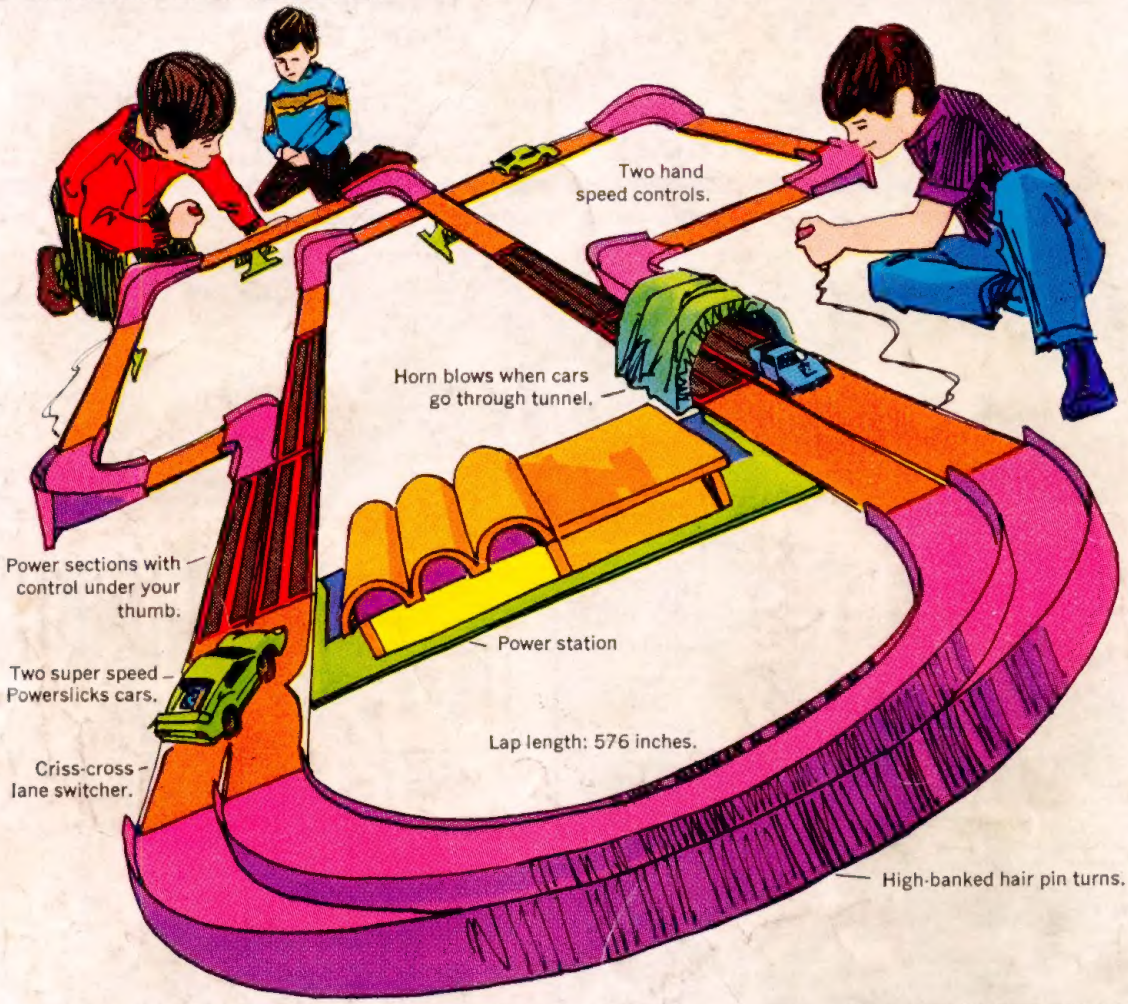
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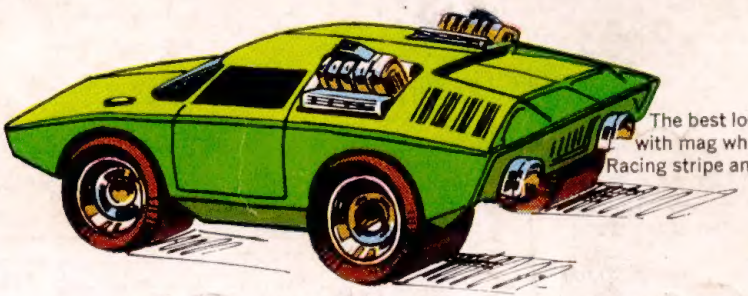

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